

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for stacking two discs into a stacked disc ~~stack~~ array comprising:
 - obtaining each disc comprising an index mark adaptively indicating a rotational position of the respective disc;
 - orienting each disc in relation to the respective index mark in a ~~multi-disc servo track writer~~ disc stacking machine;
 - writing servo information to each of the discs;
 - removing the discs from the ~~multi-disc servo track writer~~ disc stacking machine; and
 - reorienting each disc in relation to the respective index mark to define a preselected offset in the servo information between the discs while stacking the discs to form the stacked disc ~~stack~~ array.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~the~~ reorienting step is characterized by a zero offset.
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of orienting step comprises rotating the discs until at least one index mark is detected.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the reorienting step is characterized by a nonzero offset.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by more than two discs.
6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by an index ~~mark~~ pattern comprising a first mark and a second mark.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by first and second marks that are radially disposed.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by first and second marks that are tangentially disposed.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by ~~an~~ the index mark pattern comprising a third mark.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by a disc comprising an index mark made by laser etching.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by the first mark and the second mark comprising different sizes.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by the first mark and at least one of the second mark or third mark comprising different sizes.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the removing step is characterized by operably eliminating the disposition of the discs relative to each other defined in the orienting step.

14.-19. (cancelled)